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SUBJECT; NEW CD MEMBERSHIP AND BELGIAN CANDIDACY

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH GASTON VAN DUYSE, FIRST SECRETARY BELGIAN MISSION ON AUGUST 2, USDELOFF REITERATED POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA. 6 REF. A.
2. VAN DUYSE STATED BRUSSELS HAD DECIDED NOT TO ADVANCE ROTATION CONCEPT AT THIS TIME AND CONVEYED IMPRESSION THEY WERE WITHDRAWING FROM A PROPOSAL WHICH GAINED LITTLE SUPPORT. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT BRUSSELS WOULD SUGGEST THAT ONE NATO MEMBER, OTHER THAN FRANCE, SHOULD RECEIVE A CD SEAT AND ADDED QUESTION WILL BE RAISED IN NATO.
3. VAN DUYSE ASKED WHETHER US WAS COMMITTED TO A PARTICULAR SLATE OF CANDIDATES. USDELOFF STATED THAT WE HAD NOT

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REACHED DECISION ON EITHER INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES OR POSSIBLE SLATES. VAN DUYSE OBSERVED THAT THE CUBAN CANDIDACY WAS BEING WIDELY DISCUSSED AND ASKED FOR THE US REACTION TO SUCH A PROSPECT. DELOFF STATED WE WOULD PREFER VENEZUELA TO CUBA AS A REGIONAL CANDIDATE (REF B).

4. ON SUBJECT OF FRENCH ATTITUDES, VAN DUYSE STATED PARIS

HAD PROVIDED BELGIAN EMBASSY WITH INDICATIONS OF SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN CD CANDIDACY AND ADDED THAT PARIS, WHILE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON NEW CD MEMBERSHIP IN GENEVA, "...WOULD NOT BE ABSENT IF SUCH CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD."

5. VAN DUYSE STATED THAT BELGIUM HAD NOT YET MADE DEMARCHE ON CANDIDACY IN MOSCOW. BELGIAN UN REP REPORTEDLY FAVORS SUCH AN APPROACH, WHILE MOST OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS ARE OPPOSED FOR TIME BEING.

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